

Notice of Race

Westbere Frostbite Sailing Association

2023/2024 Sailing Season

1. The Organising Authority will be the Westbere Frostbite Sailing Association Committee.
2. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024, RYA Prescriptions and WFSA Sailing Instructions. The Exoneration Penalty (and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration) of the RYA Rules Dispute Procedures will be available.
3. Members should note that WFSA implement the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024) or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter
4. Sailing Instructions will be available on the WFSA Website at least one month prior to the start of the season. Racing notices will be posted on the Notice Board in the Clubhouse.
5. Club races are open to member's monohull boats of any recognised class. Racing will be on a Handicap basis using the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick System and Average Lap scoring will be used.
6. Laser sailors should declare a preferred rig (Full, Radial or 4.7) at the start of the season or series, and this will decide their PY number for series races. For individual races, members will be permitted to select a smaller rig, but this will not make a change to their handicap. Any change to a bigger rig will be treated as a new entry in that series.
7. Rule 40.1 (Personal Floatation Devices) shall apply at all times whilst afloat.
8. The 2022/2023 season will comprise the following series and races. Open meetings will be covered by separate Notices of Race

| Series or Race | Dates | Number of Races |
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| Autumn 1st Series (Laser and Handicap) | Sunday mornings 5 th November to 17 th December | 7 races |
| Spring 2nd Series (Laser and Handicap) | Sunday mornings 7 th January to 25 th February | 8 races |
| | Laser start – 10.57, Handicap start – 11.00 | |
| Commodores Choice | Sunday mornings 11 th and 18 th March | 2 races |
| | General Handicap start – 11.00 | |

Full details of the 2023/24 sailing programme are available on the WFSA web site

Risk Statement

Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.

Sailing is by nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each member agrees and acknowledges that:

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| (a) | They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event; | (e) | The provision of a Race Management team, safety boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities; |
| | | (f) | The provision of safety boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances; |
| (b) | They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore; | (g) | It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to the WFSA operating area drawn to their attention in any rules, sailing instructions or bye-laws issued by the Club and to attend any safety briefings. |
| (c) | They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions; | | |
| (d) | Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate; | (h) | Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2,000,000 against third party claims; |

All enquiries should be made to the Vice Commodore.